

## Message Text

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R 230517Z APR 78  
FM AMEMBASSY SANA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4508  
INFO SECDEF WASHDC//ISA/DSAA//  
AMEMBASSY JIDDA  
USCINCEUR VAIHINGEN GER//ECJ4/7-SA//  
CUSMTM DHAHRAN SA//J-3//  
USMTM RIYADH SA  
DIA WASHDC

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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y FOR PARA ONE

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MASS, YE, SA, US  
SUBJ: TRANSFER OF SAUDI AIRCRAFT TO YAR

REF: JIDDA 2948 (DTG 190736Z APR 78)

1. EMBASSY SANA EXTREMELY PLEASED BY SAG DECISION TO EFFECT  
PROMPT TRANSFER OF F-5B AIRCRAFT TO YAR. INASMUCH AS USG  
ALREADY AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO TRANSFER LAST FALL, APPEARS TO US  
THAT ONLY REMAINING LEGAL STEP IS RECEIPT OF REQUISITE  
ASSURANCES FROM YARG THAT AIRCRAFT WILL NOT BE FURTHER TRANS-  
FERRED WITHOUT USG PERMISSION. AS DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL,  
CHIEF OF LOCAL SAUDI MILITARY MISSION (COL SHOWAIL)  
PREVIOUSLY AGREED TO OBTAIN NECESSARY STATEMENT FROM YARG,  
ONCE SAUDI MODA MADE DECISION ON TIMING OF TRANSFER.  
ACCORDINGLY, WE ARE PROVIDING COL SHOWAIL WITH PRO-  
POSED TEXT WHICH HE WILL SUBMIT TO PRESIDENT GHASHMI FOR  
SIGNATURE AND RETURN TO US THROUGH FOREIGN MINISTRY

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2. WE WOULD LIKE TO FLAG TWO OTHER PERTINENT POINTS TO  
ATTENTION OF ALCON.

3. FIRST, THERE IS QUESTION OF LOGISTICS. COL SHOWAIL  
HAS CORRECTLY POINTED OUT THAT ADEQUATE LOGISTICAL

PREPARATIONS AND SUPPORT ARRANGEMENTS ARE ESSENTIAL TO ENSURE THAT F-5BS DO NOT BECOME STATIS DISPLAYS IN YEMEN. HE HAS NOT, HOWEVER, BEEN ABLE TO PROVIDE US WITH DETAILS OF MODA SUPPORT PLANS. POSSIBILITIES INCLUDE PERIODIC MAINTENANCE OF AIRCRAFT IN SAUDI ARABIA (AT KHAMYS MUSHAYT FOR INSTANCE), ASSIGNMENT OF CONTRACT PERSONNEL TO SANA, OR COMBINATION OF BOTH. WE HOPE MODA IS WORKING THIS PROBLEM AND WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION ADDRESSEES MAY HAVE ON IT.

4. SECOND, REFTTEL DISCUSSES SAUDI DESIRE TO TRAIN 15 YAR F-5 PILOTS IN UNITED STATES. SUDZSCT OF F-5 TRAINING WAS RAISED DURING MEETING IN RIYADH LAST MONTH BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF USMTM, DAO JIDDA, AND DAO SANA. DURING THESE DISCUSSIONS CHIEF OF AIR FORCE SECTION POINTED OUT THAT USG APPROVAL MAY BE REQUIRED TO IMPLEMENT THIS TRAINING. IT CLEARLY PRESAGES SALE OF F-5ES TO TRAIN THESE PILOTS. CAN EXECUTIVE BRANCH APPROVE PROPOSED TRAINING, OR IS THERE A REQUIREMENT FOR LEGISLATIVE REVIEW? MAGNITUDE OF TRAINING PROGRAM IN TERMS OF DOLLAR COSTS WILL ALSO HAVE BEARING, IF (AS WE ASSUME) TRAINING IS TO BE HANDLED AS A SEPARATE FMS CASE.

5. WE WONDER ALSO WHETHER WE CAN ACCOMMODATE TRAINING FOR ANY YEMENI PILOT - INCLUDING TWO COMING OUT OF FEISAL ACAFEMY - ON "IMMEDIATE BASIS," AS  
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